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HELENS SHOULD HAVE A HOSPITAL

MUCH NEEDED NOW

Thanks J. H. Thatcher Who Offers Contribution for the Purpose.

The Mist is in receipt of a communication from J. H. Thatcher in which he enclosed a \$20 check made payable to "The St. Helens Hospital fund." The proposition as outlined by Mr. Thatcher appears feasible and necessary, and is as follows:

To the Editor of the Mist:

"We have at the present time about 1,000 men on the permanent payroll in St. Helens. Add to these the transients and the number will be approximately 1,300. Each of these men contribute \$1 per month to a hospital fund, but to what purpose? Certainly not to build up St. Helens. While we have the most beautiful site and scenery and unsurpassed sanitary conditions, we have our injured and maimed only get aid attention, allowing them to wait and suffer until a train may arrive and take them to Portland and to a hospital.

Could we not, with an expenditure of \$5,000 or \$6,000, erect and equip a little hospital to take care of our own, and thereby give the men who are employed here the treatment they are entitled to?

This communication is made only as a suggestion, but to show I am in earnest I am enclosing my check for \$20, made payable to the St. Helens Hospital fund, to be used for the building of such a hospital. Who will be the next? If not next, then after some criticism.

"Respectfully,
"J. H. THATCHER."

The check has been deposited in the Columbia County Bank to the credit of the fund, as outlined by Mr. Thatcher. There is no question as to the needs of a good hospital in St. Helens, and if such hospital was established and properly equipped it would be of great benefit to the entire community. In conversation with several prominent business men they went on record as being in favor of such an establishment. The Mist would like to get the views of others on the matter.

YOUNG LOGGER IS KILLED NEAR MIST

Log Strikes Him and Causes Instant Death.

Harry Moore, aged 36 years, an employe of the Palmer-Rupp Logging Co., who operate a camp near Mist, was almost instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when a large log which was being raised for the roll-way to the logging car swung around and struck him. Deceased, who was head rigging man, had charge of the lifting of the log and the gear was swung about the middle of the log, which, when lifted, swung around so quickly that the unfortunate man did not have time to get out of the way. Coroner White was called and brought the body to St. Helens awaiting advice from the I. O. O. F. lodge at Tuolumne, Cal., and a young lady cousin of deceased who lives in Vernonia, Pa., as to what disposition to make of the body.

ELKS BAND COMING TO ST. HELENS

Will Pay Friendly Visit Wednesday, March 13—Free Concert.

Several prominent members of the Portland lodge of Elks were in St. Helens Wednesday paying a visit to local Elks. J. Murphy Hennesy, a prominent member of the order, was telling Von Gray what a fine band the Portland lodge had, whereupon Von (who is a member of the Portland lodge) said it was a wonder the lodge wouldn't send down the band to give a concert in St. Helens so some of the "absent brothers" could get some of the benefit. Hennesy took the proposition seriously and today phoned to Gray that the full band of 46 pieces would be in St. Helens Wednesday night, March 13, and give a free and public concert, complimentary to the St. Helens people. Further announcement will be made in our next issue.

ON DUTY AND OFF WHEN HEAVY SNOWFALL CHECKS FIGHTING



Heavy falls of snow have slowed up the fighting along the west front, but most of the men are kept busy, nevertheless. Above is a detachment of infantry marching through the snow to the trenches; below the crew of an anti-aircraft battery is having a good snowball fight.

TENNESSEE TO SPEND MILLIONS ON ROADS

Dr. Edwin Ross Says People Realize Importance of Good Roads.

The Mist has received an interesting letter from Dr. Edwin Ross, who is visiting with relatives in McConnell, Tenn. In speaking of the road work outlined, the doctor said:

"Tennessee, though in the easy going south, seems to be doing her part in road construction, as the state is entering upon one of the biggest programs of road construction in its history. Many counties are issuing bonds for new construction, the state has funds available and the United States government has made appropriations which must be used in the immediate future. Within the next two years over three million dollars will be expended in new construction and reconstruction."

Dr. Ross inclosed a program of the conference of road officials which was held at Knoxville and which he attended, and reported that it was a very instructive and enthusiastic meeting.

The doctor added that he hoped the county court would make good progress on the several road projects in the county and do their best for the Nehalem-St. Helens road, stating that "it had been the thing that has been my heart's desire for twenty-five years and one of the most necessary roads in the county."

The Rosses are enjoying their sojourn in the sunny south and have no intention of returning to St. Helens in the immediate future.

THRIFT STAMP SALES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Miss McBride School
Miss Matthews' room, \$19.75; gain of week, 50 cents.
Miss Taylor's room, \$53.75; gain of week, \$18.75.
Miss Armstrong's room, \$105.25; gain of week, 25 cents.
Mrs. Anderson's room, \$89.25; gain of week, \$8.50.
Mr. Lake's room, \$109.25; gain of week, \$6.75.
John Gumm School
Mrs. Barnett's room, \$23.50; gain of week, \$4.50.
Miss Perry's room, \$17.25; gain of week, \$7.
Miss Hall's room, \$32.50; gain of week, \$10.
Mrs. Lake's room, \$58; gain of week, \$1.75.
Miss LaBare's room, \$89.00; gain of week, \$4.50.
Miss Hicketier's room, \$37; gain of week, \$4.75.
Miss Stennick's room, \$55; gain of week, \$16.25.
Mrs. Wilson's room, \$71.50; gain of week, \$7.25.
Mr. Brown's room, \$63.50; gain of week, \$9.25.

We wish to thank the parents for their co-operation in the Thrift campaign.
L. L. BAKER,
Superintendent.

The steamer Daisy Matthews, laden with 1,150,000 feet of lumber, sailed Wednesday night, her destination being San Pedro.

WEST STREET MAY BE IMPROVED

Matter is Up Before Council—Is a Needed Improvement.

A petition has been submitted to the common council for the improvement of West street so as to make that street passable from the river to the S. P. & S. railroad tracks. A petition for this improvement was made about two years ago but not acted upon. Residents along the street now claim the improvement is necessary, and it is quite probable that favorable action will be taken in the near future.

Another matter brought to the attention of the council was the request of A. McDonald, the young man who was injured at the time of the Strand theatre fire last September, while acting as a volunteer fireman. The injury he sustained has resulted in the loss of the use of his left arm, and another operation has been suggested with the hopes that the use of the arm may be restored. McDonald asked for financial aid for this purpose. Several taxpayers of the city appeared before the council and urged that such aid be granted. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. McCarthy appeared before the council and asked permission to organize an athletic club and from time to time hold boxing exhibitions. McCarthy is a caulker at one of the shipyards and stated that a number of the shipyard workers would like to have amateur boxing exhibitions. He stated he could get the signatures of prominent business men and also many of the shipyard men asking that such boxing exhibitions be allowed. The council did not discourage him but thought it best for him to organize his club and come before the council at the next session with a list of names of those who would join the club and stand sponsors for the good conduct of such boxing exhibitions.

The matter of purchasing a fire truck was again brought to the attention of the council, but no definite action taken.

Several building permits were granted and the usual grist of business was disposed of.

KEEL OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT SHIP IS LAID

The keel of the second government vessel to be built by the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company has been laid and the work of raising the frames will soon begin. Work on the first government vessel is progressing satisfactorily, according to Superintendent Carl Christenson, and the three government inspectors who were here Wednesday.

Work on the McCormick auxiliary schooner, the John A. Wells, is also well under way and before many months the big vessel will be ready to take the initial dip.

MAJOR GEN. WHITE WRITES FROM FRANCE

Thanks Local Exemption Board for Faithful Service Performed.

Sheriff Stanwood is in receipt of the following letter from Major General White, formerly adjutant general for Oregon but now stationed in France, which expresses his gratitude to the officers of the board for faithful service. It also shows that while the adjutant general is far away and busy with the great war undertakings that he has not forgotten the Oregon officials who helped him work out the draft details. The letter is from somewhere in France and dated last month, and is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Stanwood: I am sorry I did not have a chance before leaving for France to write and thank you for the co-operation you and your board gave my department in the registration and draft. I always received prompt and effective returns from Columbia county and consequently feel obligated to you and your co-workers for helping making the work in the state a complete success. Will you please convey my appreciation to Mr. A. F. Barnett and Dr. L. G. Ross.

"Very truly yours,
"GEORGE A. WHITE,
"Major, Adjutant General, 66th Artillery Brigade, A. E. F."

The board was pleased to hear from Major White and at his expression of appreciation.

HORSE DIES RATHER THAN BE ARRESTED

Mooted Question as to Responsibility for Death of Stray Horse.

Here's a true story of a horse that might cause an inquiry from the Humane Society as to what right Marshals Potter or Blakesley have to frighten a poor work horse to death. The story as told us by Mayor Ballagh, who was an eye witness to the affair but who does not wish to be implicated in the matter, is like this.

Both marshals were on the beat down on the Strand at 10 o'clock Tuesday night when they noticed a horse coming around the bank corner. Blakesley started for the animal, but since it was coming straight for him decided not to walk any further than necessary, so waited for the accommodating horse to come to him. The horse came, and Blakesley asked for reinforcements, and Potter came to the rescue. Potter grabbed the horse, which was acting rather queerly, and Blakesley sought a safer place to stand, and in the name of the law called on the horse to behave. Bystanders say the horse gave one look at Blakesley and then sank to the ground. The commotion attracted the attention of a number of the K. of P. members who were just coming out of the lodge room, and several offered first aid. Doctors A. J. Deming and Martin White thought they could cure the horse with a well known remedy, and Deming rushed for the medicine. White told Frank George and several others that a couple of spoonfuls of the medicine would fix any horse right away, and it did fix this horse, for Martin administered the two spoonfuls and the poor, frightened, patient beast of burden gave one long moan and died on the spot. The cause of the sudden death was not determined for Davis hauled the remains away before an inquest could be held.

Frank George lays the blame to the horse's fright at Blakesley's big star, and Ed Ballagh says White is a poor horse doctor. At any rate, the horse is dead and the mystery of its sudden death has not been explained.

SALE OF THRIFT STAMPS INCREASES

Total Sales Now Aggregate Close to the \$8,500 Mark.

The sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps took a little spurt during the week ending February 27, \$1,351.22 being reported by I. E. Dodd, postmaster. St. Helens shows an increase of nearly \$100 over the previous week, but Clatskanie continues to lead all other Columbia county towns. It is probable that the actual total sales will greatly exceed the amount above mentioned, as several of the postoffices did not send in their reports. By towns the sales were:

Clatskanie	\$496.26
Goble	71.00
Houlton	23.90
Kerry	285.10
Mayer	82.60
Trenholm	6.00
Vernonia	100.35
St. Helens	286.00
Total	\$1,352.22
Previously reported	7,116.14
Total	\$8,468.36

Miss Lesta Weed, of Schoi District No. 14, Vernonia, is the only pupil so far reported in the county who has sold a hundred dollars' worth of War Stamps. She is an applicant for the Rainbow regiment.

WILLIAM H. HOSKIN PASSES AWAY

G. A. R. Veteran Answers Final Roll Call.

William H. Hoskin died early Sunday morning at the home of his son, Dr. S. B. Hoskin, in this city. Deceased had been in ill health for some time and his death was not unexpected.

William H. Hoskin was born in Cornwall, England, August 19, 1845, and at the time of his death was past 72 years of age. When four years of age, with his parents, he moved to Monroe Point, Wis., and in that place grew to manhood. At the outbreak of the civil war he was too young to enlist, but as soon as his age would permit he joined Company B, of the 43rd Wisconsin regiment and served two years in that regiment. In 1880 he married Miss Rachel Williams, at Humboldt, Iowa. They moved to Forest Grove, Ore., in 1909, and came to St. Helens in April of last year.

Besides the wife, deceased is survived by two sons, William O. Hoskin, who resides at Five Mile, Wis., and Dr. S. B. Hoskin of this city, and a married daughter, Mrs. Fannie Bird, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, and two brothers, Stephen Hoskin of Colorado Springs, Colo., and John Hoskin, of Los Angeles, Cal.

The funeral was held from the residence in St. Helens Tuesday morning, and the remains were taken to the Portland crematorium.

Though having lived in St. Helens a comparatively short while, Mr. Hoskin made many friends who admired his sterling traits of character and deeply regret his passing.

REV. D. J. TAYLOR WILL GO TO FRANCE

Receives Appointment as Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

To accept the appointment as one of the field secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. in France, Rev. D. J. Taylor will soon resign his position as teacher in the high school and the pastorate of the Congregational church. Rev. Taylor received order to report at New York on March 9, to embark for France, but on account of not being able to close his business affairs here he has been granted an extension of time and is to report at some Atlantic port about April 1. Mrs. Taylor will accompany him to the home of her parents in an eastern state and possibly join him in France later on.

Since coming to St. Helens more than a year ago to take up the duties as pastor of the Congregational church, Mr. Taylor has made many warm friends who will regret to see him leave this field, and their best wishes will go with him to the new field of labor among Uncle Sam's fighting men.

RED CROSS MAKES LARGE SHIPMENTS

Willing Workers Make and Ship Many Necessary Articles.

During this month the St. Helens auxiliary of the Red Cross has been busy at work and has accomplished much, and the following articles have been shipped to Portland headquarters: 24 pair socks, 71 bed shirts, 8 coats, 10 sweaters, 5 pair wristlets, 6 helmets, 23 arm slings, 10 wash cloths, 6 napkins, and 5 bundles of gun wipers.

The sewing room will be open next week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, and each week thereafter until further notice.

BUYS BACK BUSINESS JUST SOLD

George H. Shinn has repurchased from L. R. Rutherford the Columbia County Abstract Company, and as per a notice published elsewhere Mr. Rutherford will devote his entire time to the insurance and real estate business while the Shinn will look after the abstract business.

EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR CAMPS AND MILLS

GOES IN EFFECT TODAY

United States Takes Over Milling and Logging in Northwest.

Effective today, absolute control of the lumbering industry in the states of Oregon and Washington will be taken over by the government, and all the logging camps and mills will go on the basic eight hour day. The announcement relative to this program of the government was made Wednesday night by Col. Brice P. Disque, who had just returned from Washington, to the lumbermen of Oregon and Washington, who were holding a conference in Portland.

There seems to be a misunderstanding as to whether the order applied to the fir industry, so the Mist telephoned to the Menefee Lumber Company in Rainier, the Beaver Lumber Company at Prescott and the general manager of a large lumbering concern in Portland. All of them stated they had received orders to operate today on an eight hour basis. Later in the day H. F. McCormick, manager of the St. Helens Lumber Company and the Columbia County Lumber Company, received a like order, so these concerns will be operated under the new schedule today.

The Mist also called up Major Stearns, in the office of Colonel Disque, and he said that not until next week could his office give any further details, but the wage schedule and other necessary arrangements would be fixed by the government. In all logging camps a uniform charge for board will be made and uniform wages paid, so there will be no reason in a logger going from camp to camp. In all probability this will also apply to the mills.

Employees of the local mills received the news with much pleasure, for it was their contention they were just as much entitled to the eight hour day as was the shipyard crew. A meeting of the workers in logging camps and lumber mills will be held in Portland Monday, and at that time it is expected that Colonel Disque will have formulated for the operation of the mills and camps under the new ruling.

DR. F. PEARN AND WIFE, OF PORTLAND, WERE SUNDAY GUESTS OF MRS. PEARN'S SISTER, MRS. A. J. PEEL.